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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Anticipated Classification  
of this Application:

Attorney Docket No.: F-224

Class: 364

Date: October 31, 2000

Subclass:

Prior Application: 09/339,768

Group Art Unit: 3651

Examiner:

Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING A MESSAGE IN A MAILING  
SYSTEM**

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box CPA  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/339,768, filed on June 24, 1999, by Leon A. Pintsov, et al, for "System and Method for Employing Digital Postage Marks as Part of Value-Added Services in a Mailing System".

1. Enclosed are:

22 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

8 sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.

Certificate of Express Mail.

Return Receipt Postcard.

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2. Prior Application Serial Number 09/339,768 and the application filed herein under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) share at least one common inventor, Leon A. Pintsov.
3. Prior Application Serial No. 09/339,768 has not been abandoned or granted as of the filing date of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
4. The application filed herewith according to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) contains a specific reference to Application Serial No. 09/339,768.
5. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT**

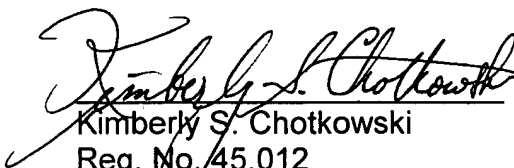
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Basic Fee						\$ 710.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Total Claims	23	- 20 =	3	X	\$18.00 =	\$54.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 =	1	X	\$80.00 =	\$80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$270.00 =	\$0.00
Total Filing Fee						\$844.00

6. Please charge our Deposit Account Number **16-1885** in the amount of \$844.00 for the filing fee.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
8. The prior application is assigned of record to **Pitney Bowes Inc.**
9. A newly assignment for the application filed herein under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is being filed concurrently herewith.
10. Address all future communications to:

Pitney Bowes Inc.  
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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so much are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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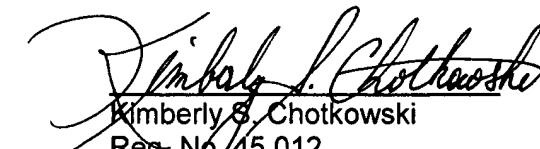
**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application consisting of 22 pages and 8 sheets of drawings; Request for Filing a Continuation-in-Part Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b); Declaration; Recordation of Assignment w/ attached copy of executed Assignment (original + 1); and Return Receipt Postcard were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on October 31, 2000,. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EF041620905US.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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